

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church Inventory Number: S-204
 Address: 31361 Curtis Chapel Road City: Westover Zip Code: 21871
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston
 Owner: Trustees of Zion Wesley M.E. Church, same address Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 0109 Tax Map Number: 0041 Tax Account ID Number: 13-006385
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district ___yes Eligible district ___yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes X no

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – MIHP form S-204

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church is an L-shaped church located north of US Route 13 near Westover that was built circa 1909. The core of the church is a T-plan structure built in a stripped-down Gothic Revival style with decorative wood tracery located in each of the gable ends of the main block. The church was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-204 in MHT Library), and has experienced several alterations and a major addition since that time. A one-story wing with a concrete block foundation, walls clad in vinyl siding and low-pitched asphalt shingle roof has been added to the southeast portion of the earlier structure, and includes the main entrance to the church (including a handicapped-accessible concrete ramp). The previous main entrance at the base of the tower is obscured by this addition. The low, remaining walls of the tower have been clad with vinyl siding, and its mansard roof has been removed.

The main block of the church has experienced some alteration since the previous survey. The decorative tracery in the gable ends remains intact, but shows signs of deterioration. The roof and wall materials appear unchanged. A round, colored glass window on the upper story of the east façade has been covered. A chimney located on the north slope of the roof has been removed. A large cemetery dating from the early twentieth century is located on the west and south sides of the church.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>NA</u>	
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A or B due to a lack of any known association with persons or events considered significant in the history of Somerset County or the State of Maryland. The property is also not considered eligible under Criterion C due to lack of integrity of materials and form due to alteration and addition.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR)

Date Prepared: February 2014



Great Bay Wind Energy Center
 Somerset County - Maryland
Historic Resources Assessment
 February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined





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JOHN WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE of MD SHPO

VIEW NSW toward North & East FACADES OF CHURCH

PHOTO #1 | 3

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JOHN WESLEY METHODISTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE at MD SHPO

VIEW NW TOWARD MAIN BLOCK OF CHURCH

PHOTO # 2 | 3

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JOHN WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE of MD SHPO

VIEW SE toward North & West FACADE OF CHURCH

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1909

John Wesley M.E. Church
Near Green Hill
Public Worship

The John Wesley M.E. Church is a noteworthy Gothic Revival frame structure erected in 1909 and standing near the crossroads of Green Hill. The T-plan church is covered with asbestos siding and trimmed with sawn work in each gable. Several contemporary churches in the immediate vicinity share a similar entrance tower. The gothic arched entrance has a colored glass transom. A clover-leaf design is worked into the gable end tracery. The 20th-century cemetery is located on the west side of the property.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Old Green Hill Road just E of us Route 13 not for publication

city, town Westover vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of John Wesley M. E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code MD. 21871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-204

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Wesley M.E. Church is a dated 1909 T-plan Gothic Revival structure which stands on an old section of the Old Westover Road that parallels US Route 13. Greenhill crossroads is .3 miles east of the church. The nearest town is Westover, Somerset County, Maryland.

Facing east the T-plan church rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with asbestos siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has extended eaves with decorative sawn tracery in each primary gable. A concrete block addition is attached to the church on the south end.

The east (main) facade is an uneven elevation with the entrance located in a small mansard-roofed tower that occupies the inside corner. A Gothic arched entrance has a colored-glass transom and a double-leaf door. The front gable end has two pointed arch colored-glass windows on the first floor and a round colored-glass window on the second floor. The sawn eave decoration is a pierced tracery design with a four-lobed clover-leaf in the middle.

The north elevation consists of four evenly-spaced colored-glass sash windows. A brick stove stack rises from the middle section of the roof.

The west (back) elevation has a small three-sided apse with a shed roof. Small single-pane sash light each side, and a colored-glass window pierces the gable above.

The south side is largely covered by the leg of the plan and is detailed in the same manner as the rest of the church. Another brick stove stack rises from the east slope of the roof. The single story concrete block addition is attached to the gable end.

Situated on the west side of the church yard is an earlier 20th-century cemetery with numerous above-ground marblers.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-204

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1909 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Wesley M.E. Church ^{was} ~~is~~ erected in 1909 on a T-plan with simple Gothic revival architectural trim. Aside from a sheathing of asbestos siding the exterior is well-preserved. It is similar to several Methodist churches in the vicinity, especially St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Westover.

John Wesley M. E. Church, S-204
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John Wesley M. E. Church
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Northwest Elevation
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